

An Exact and impartial

# Account from IRELAND, OF THE D E A T H

## The Late EARL of Tyrconnel,

Who Died in the City of *LIMERICK*, on *Tuesday*  
the 18th. of this Instant *August* :

With the great Distractions and Confusions, which happened in the said City,  
betwixt the *French* and *Irish*, upon his Death, about its Surrender, &c.

In a Letter from a Custom-House Officer in *Liverpool*, to a Merchant in *London*.

Licensed, August the 26th. 1691.

*Liverpool*, August the 23d. 1691.

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**T**His morning arrived here the *Thomas* of *Liverpool*, *Ralph Holt*, Master, and the *Preston* Merchant of this Place, *William Leaths* Master, both from *Dublin*, which place they left on *Friday* last, the 21st. instant. I spake with *Mr. Holt*, the Master of one of the Vessels, who, upon enquiring of him what News, gave me an Account, that a little before he came away, Advice came to the Lord Justice *Porter*, that our Army had begirt *Limerick* on both sides the River *Shannon*; that Captain *Coal*, with his Squadron of Men of War, was Sailed down the River *Shannon*, within six miles of the Town of *Limerick*, so that the place is intirely blockaded up on all hands: That by some considerable Deferters, which came lately out of the City into our Camp, the General had an Account, that *Tyrconnel* died in *Limerick*, the day before they came away; his Distemper was partly a Fever, but chiefly Dispair and Trouble of mind occasioned, according to the Relation the Deferters give of it, as followeth: A strong Party being formed in the *Irish* Army, against the Earl of *Tyrconnel*, immediately after our Armies passing the *Shannon*, the Chief Officers combined together, and enter'd into an Association against him, which *Tyrconnel* having a full account of, at the same time that the *Irish* Army Encamp'd themselves at the little Town of *Aghrim*, he endeavour'd by all the ways and means that possible he could to hinder the same, but all that he could do signified nothing; then they joined in an Address, desiring him, or more rather in a Stile, requiring him to begone out of the Army, and not to be amongst them at the Battel; whereupon, seeing by all the endeavours he had used, he could not prevail upon them, he went away in great Discontent to *Lime-*

*rick*, when the Faction grew strong against him there also, which was much encouraged by *Monsieur d'USSENE*, and all the French Officers upon their return from *Galloway*, so that it was generally believed by his Friends, that the trouble and grief that he conceived thereupon, might have occasioned the Sickness that brought on his Death. The Deferters further declared, That notwithstanding all endeavours had been used to keep his Death secret, yet it was so generally known, that before they came away, it had great Disturbances and Confusions among the Enemies Forces, both Officers and Soldiers, some being for Surrendering the Place upon the Conditions offered by the General, others for holding out; but which means their Councils were strangely divided, that they had for some time detained the Trumpet sent by the General, not being resolved among themselves what Answer to send, that all the Foot the *Irish* had, that could get Arms, were gone into *Limerick*, with some Regiments of Horse and Dragoons, which consisted in the whole of about 15000 Men; That their Body of Horse, which is Commanded by *Somerset*, for the present, lay Forraging round the Walls, under the protection of their Cannon; That *Tyrconnel* while he lived, was a bitter Enemy against the *Irish* Submitting.

This Morning cleared here the *Mary Rose* Merchant of *Wexford*, bound for *Wexford*, *John Collet* Master; the *William* and *Thomas* of *Wicklow*, bound for *Wicklow*; the *John* of *Dublin*, bound for *Dublin*, they will Sail with the first fair Wind.

On *Friday* last in the Evening, came in here the *William* and *Henry*, the *Elizabeth*, the *Richmond*, and the *Orange-Tree*, all Ships belonging to this Place, and bound from *Dublin*, but they having had a long Passage, brought no News.

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